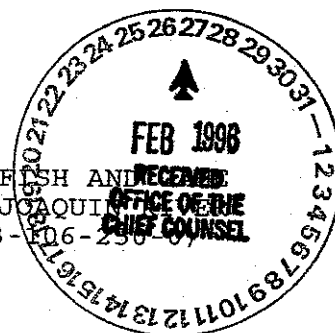


STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 96-14

APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
FOR BIOLOGICAL MONITORING ON MUD SLOUGH AND THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
(STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CONTRACT NO. 3-106-250-0)



WHEREAS:

1. The Grasslands Bypass Project will reroute drainage in the Grasslands watershed and will remove subsurface agricultural drainage from 93 miles of Grasslands waterways and put it into 28 miles of the San Luis Drain.
2. A comprehensive monitoring program is required to assess the impacts of the project on water quality in the San Joaquin River watershed.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board has entered into an agreement with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to perform biological monitoring on critical water bodies associated with this project.
4. Delays in implementing this project have made it infeasible for the DFG to perform the biological monitoring before the contract expires.
5. The existing contract may not be extended beyond three years under Blanket Resolution No. 90-14.
6. Approval of a contract extension is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15306 of Title 14 California Code of Regulations.

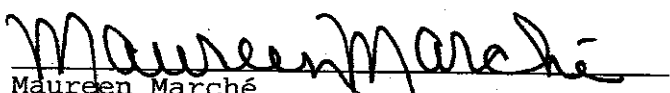
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The SWRCB:

Approves an extension of Contract 3-106-250-0 with the DFG to June 30, 1998.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Administrative Assistant to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 22, 1996.


Maureen Marché
Administrative Assistant to the Board